

## SLANDEROUS ATTACK ON HARDING EXPOSED; DEMOCRATS SECRETLY ASSAIL HIS ANCESTRY; GENEALOGICAL DATA PROVE CHARGES FALSE

### FAMOUS WRITER PREDICTS REDS' COLLAPSE SOON

Capt. McCullagh, Trained Observer, Portrays Real Situation in Russia.

### CROPS SHORT AND NO COAL

Trotsky Resigned to Defeat and Lenin Gloats on Revolution Horrors.

THE NEW YORK HERALD to-day begins the publication of a series of articles which will tell the exact condition of Russia. These articles are being written in London by Capt. Francis McCullagh, a correspondent of international reputation. He is the first trained, unbiased observer to come out of Russia in many months. His travels took him from Vladivostok to Ekaterinburg and to Moscow. He learned of the Third International's hopes to create revolts in America, England, India, Persia and Korea. Capt. McCullagh's first article discusses general conditions and predicts the early collapse of Bolshevism.

By CAPT. FRANCIS McCULLAGH.

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Bolshevism will break down this winter. The transport difficulties have nearly reached the last stage of acuteness. Owing to a dry summer the harvest was 60 per cent. below the average. There is no coal, as the south Russia mines were so damaged by Denikine's retreating troops that German experts told the Reds it would be eighteen months before these mines could be pumped out and repaired.

Trotsky has employed the Red army to cut wood and stack it along the railway lines, but nearly all such wood has been consumed, either by accidental or deliberate firing. The unsuccessful Polish war proved to be the last straw, and the Red army is now rapidly degenerating. The Poles could have advanced any distance, but they have left the Russian General who cooperated with them to concentrate at Minsk, and he is soon going to advance and stir up peasant insurrections.

### Lenine Is Philosophical.

Lenine, who is living very quietly in the Kremlin and taking things philosophically, says Bolshevism may fail at any moment, but he is perfectly confident that a general crash throughout northern Europe is certain within a year. In his own words, "The world revolution draws strength from present conditions." He described these conditions as follows:

"They are, first, the unbearable position of the world proletariat; second, the economic sinking of the various States; third, the impossibility of any improvement so long as the capitalist system continues for the profit and the interests of a small group of rich men. The League of Nations is a failure, being a mere instrument in the hands of the victorious States. Disagreements between the Allies have caused their attack upon Soviet Russia to fail, and have brought about the economic ruin and world chaos which, in turn, brought about the success of the Third International. It remains, however, to be proved if the revolutionary classes outside Russia are sufficiently class conscious and organized to use the present crisis for a worldwide revolution this winter."

### Trotsky's Task Hopeless.

Trotsky is exhibiting incredible activity, but the lack of skilled, technical support makes his task hopeless. Zinoviev says that all hopes for the Soviet are based on outside revolution. If it does not come before the end of this winter Bolshevism in Russia will collapse. Accordingly, the Reds are desperately interested in stirring up the revolt abroad and have succeeded in sending out a large number of emissaries. Moscow was extremely interested in the coal strike in England, and the newspapers are publishing much about the Irish question. Trotsky said:

"Lord George's Irish terror is as bad as Russia's Red terror. If the Red terror made the streets red with the blood of aristocrats, what of the white terror? The Red terror was fought on the Bolshevik by Allied intervention and intrigue, but Russia frankly admitted its existence, while Lord George excuses his white terror by hypocrisy and sanctimonious cant."

Trotsky holds that the Sinn Feiners

### EDITORIAL

#### Political Depravity and Moral Degeneracy to Shock the World

In the very closing hours of the campaign a dastardly conspiracy is put on foot to steal the election from the Republican party through an insidious assertion that WARREN G. HARDING, Republican candidate for President of the United States, is of negro ancestry.

That this villainous undertaking has a thorough organization back of it with ample money to carry on the infamous work is beyond question, though no opposition newspaper has dared to print the slander and no man of known standing has dared to utter it.

WILLIAM E. CHANCELLOR, who until the day before yesterday was a professor in Wooster College, Ohio, is quoted in the anonymous propaganda, scattered broadcast over the country, as the authority for this defamatory Harding genealogy. His is the only name coming to the surface in connection with this stealthy dagger thrust in the back on the very eve of the election.

And yet hundreds of thousands of these cowardly unsigned circulars have been sent out through the mails and passed from hand to hand and slipped under doorways at the dead of night by the army of cowerers of this well organized conspiracy bent on throwing the election. This despicable, damnable business obviously is not the work of the Republican party. In all our political history there is nothing comparable to this foul, eleventh hour attack on a Presidential candidate and made without conscience or moral sense solely for the purpose of defrauding the Republican party out of its impending victory. This is desperation carried to the verge of downright criminality.

### FRANCE SEEKING U. S. SCHOONER RUSSIAN TRADE FIRST OVER LINE

Britain Would Recognize Reds to Get It, but French Await Their Fall.

KERENSKY'S HAND SEEN

Poland, Rumania, Little Entente and Wrangel Expected to Cooperate.

By LAURENCE HILLS.

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While Great Britain is congratulating herself on opening the way to fullest commercial advantages with Germany, French diplomats profess to see in Alexandre Kerensky's anti-Bolshevik campaign, coupled with the "Little Entente" success, an answer to the Lloyd George policy which will eventually overbalance any preferential treatment Great Britain may get in Berlin.

While the French Government professes not to have influenced Kerensky's decision to lead the anti-Bolshevik factions, it is apparent here that the Government in Paris is entirely in sympathy with it, for Kerensky always held the peculiar confidence of the French diplomatists ever since the downfall of the Czar. While the advent of the Bolshevik regime somewhat dimmed his diplomatic prestige, his followers continue their activities here, some of them even holding important offices under the provisional regime which failed of getting international recognition.

### A Race for Russian Trade.

The consensus in French political circles is that Great Britain would have granted full recognition to the Soviet Government if she had been sure she would get the lion's share of the commerce with Russia, whereas France, in opposing the Soviet consistently, intends to prove to the Russian people that all she wants is international security, and will rely on the gratitude of the Russian people and the traditional amity to bring about pre-war conditions wherein the French—not the British—will benefit in trade.

"France, with Russia brought out of chaos, will hold the whip hand in European politics," a high political authority told the correspondent of THE NEW YORK HERALD here to-day. "Russia is still a going concern. Germany has lost the confidence of the world, and she cannot restore this confidence until France's claims are settled in full."

The French Foreign Office denies influencing Kerensky's movements, but it is considered significant here that Gen. Wrangel accepted the suggestion by the French commissioner to send a delegation to Warsaw to confer with the Poles and other anti-Red elements elsewhere, which are now believed to be working directly under Kerensky's instructions.

France's aid alone enabled Take Jonescu of Rumania to bind the smaller states in the "Little Entente" and the convention signed last week giving Transylvanian sovereignty to Rumania is being suggested by an important section of the French press as an advance payment for the "Little Entente" aid in crushing the Russian Bolsheviks in an offensive spring. The French are unable to organize and set up a new government in Russia before them. Just what military aid France is ready

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If it can be sold a NEW YORK HERALD "For Sale" Ad, will sell it—Ad.

### PARTY LEADERS FORECAST VOTE GIVING VICTORY

Hays Predicts 395 of 531 Votes for Harding—White Sees Cox Elected.

### BOTH CLAIM CONGRESS

Miller Leads for Governorship, With Tamman; Silent on Smith's Chances.

Predictions on the results of Tuesday's election were made yesterday by the various campaign managers—national, State and county—all except Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall. The polls will be open on Tuesday from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Voters in New York city should vote early if they do not want to risk losing their votes. There is an average of 650 votes to an election district, which means that the ballots must be cast at the rate of nearly one a minute to get them in within the prescribed three hours.

The law requires that all voters in line when the polls close may cast their ballots, no matter how long it takes. Voters should insist upon this.

The claims of the various managers follow:

Chairman Will H. Hays of the Republican National Committee: "The evidences of an overwhelming Republican victory hourly increase. 'It is now certain that the Republicans will carry the following States:'

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

See 27 More Votes.

"In addition, the Republicans have much better than an even chance to carry Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland and New Mexico, with twenty-seven additional electoral votes. This makes 292 Republican electoral votes almost certain out of a total of 531.

"Republican victory in Kentucky is absolutely certain provided the weather is such that it is physically possible for the great Republican majority in the mountains of eastern Kentucky to get to the polls.

"This same element enters into the result in Tennessee, where there is a splendid chance for the Republicans. We also have a good opportunity to carry North Carolina and Oklahoma. This makes the possibility of an additional thirty-four votes.

"We will have a greatly increased majority in the House and a substantial majority in the Senate.

"The only States certainly Democratic are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Virginia.

### White Sure of Victory.

"The electorate of America, which is for 'America first,' is simply waiting for the opportunity to voice a protest against inefficiency, extravagance and autocracy in government and to express its complete confidence in the constructive ability of the Republican party in a manner that will be heard around the world.

George White, chairman of the Democratic National Committee: "Cox and Roosevelt will win. They will have a party majority in the Senate and House.

"That sums up my conclusions, based on detailed reports from all State chairmen by wire and telephone. I have spent the last three days in checking these reports, and I see no reason to alter my forecast of certain victory for the Democratic ticket.

"I want to say this will not be alone a Democratic victory. It will be the victory of America. This nation wants to establish and maintain world peace in concert with those nations which were our allies in the struggle against imperialism and militarism. It wants to extend the Monroe Doctrine to the entire hemisphere as in the western and to spare future generations of Americans from the necessity of being drawn into a world war by the military domination."

Record Plurality Predicted.

In spite of the self-exaltation of the Democratic managers, which led them to say that Cox would win, although they could give no sound basis for it, indications last night were that Senator Harding would be elected President by one of the largest vote ever given.

There seemed to be nothing that would seriously disarrange the division of electoral votes as forecast and as set forth

### FOES' CANARD IS KILLED BY HARDING AIDS

History Reveals G. O. P. Nominee as Member of Pioneer Family.

### CHILDREN STARTED TALE

Incident 75 Years Ago Disputed, Proved False, but Circulated to Get Votes.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MAHON, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Upon the publication of an editorial by Charles P. Taft in the Cincinnati Times-Star, an editorial comment by the Dayton Journal, and the announcement that authorities of Wooster College and the city of Wooster are to make a thorough investigation of the recent utterances of Prof. William Estabrook Chancellor, the following account dealing with the scandalous story of Senator Harding's parentage was obtained to-day.

Full knowledge of the circulation of this defamatory report has been in Senator Harding's possession for several weeks. So insidiously was it spread, however, that no positive label could be charged upon any specific individuals. The statement obtained to-day bears out fully the facts in the hands of the Republican National Committee.

As is shown herewith, the sinister story is not new, but has followed the Harding family for seventy-five years, being revived whenever a Harding has achieved distinction, or has risen to a position in which he may be the subject of the envy of neighbors. Of the utter falsity of the report, there is no question. The account follows:

Substantially the accusation had been current for many weeks. Its purpose was quite well known to Senator Harding and to his advisers and friends. Persons who had visited the border States—Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, West Virginia and Oklahoma especially—knew weeks ago that the slander was being whispered from man to man and often circulated by means of handbills and anonymous circulars that appeared mysteriously between night and morning.

In these States, and in many other localities as well, women who answered rings at the doorbell late at night were told hastily and emphatically by persons that seemed respectable enough that Senator Harding and his wife were not pure white.

Every device possible for spreading a mean and dangerous accusation without incurring legal or physical responsibility was adopted in the States mentioned, and in Ohio and Indiana, by the persons who expected to profit politically.

It has been said, this state of affairs was quite well known to Senator Harding. He chafed under the recent necessity which impels a gentleman to ignore certain kinds of vilification. His impulse it is known was first of all to find the individual who bore the responsibility for the falsehood and to thrash him soundly. His instinct was to reply frankly and squarely and to denounce the lie for what he knew it to be, a vicious invention.

It is known, too, that he was advised by careful thinking and conservative friends to ignore the whole business, and to ground the lie as unworthy of retort, and that no fair minded man or woman would be influenced in the slightest degree.

### Helped Enemy's Plans.

In the meantime as the weeks passed the breadth and depth of the "whispering campaign" became more and more known to the Senator's friends. These writhed under the unfairness of it, much more than the Senator himself did, and here and there some of them made veiled retortful allusion to it by letter or in the newspapers. For example, Mr. Clark, State chairman of Ohio, was moved to write a letter to Mr. Durbin, the Democratic chairman, in which he warned Durbin and the Democratic organization to beware of circulating scandalous stories about the Republican nominee. Possibly this left an opening desired by the Democrats themselves, for Mr. Durbin, replying promptly in a letter which gained some newspaper circulation, demanded to know what Mr. Clark referred to, and asked him to be more specific in the charges.

There were other instances of impetuous but perhaps misdirected friendship, all of which seemed to provide an opening for the enemy which they might not have been able to make otherwise, the laws against slander and libel being what they are.

As time passed and the whispered lie gained more and more circulation, anger was stirred in every community where the charge was surreptitiously handed about. All over the country it has pro-

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### ARREST PENNSYLVANIA MAN SPREADING HARDING LIBEL

Democratic Clerk of Court at Reading Faces Criminal Charge for Vilification.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. READING, Pa., Oct. 30.—Harvey L. Bausher, Democratic Clerk of Quarter Sessions of Berks county, was arrested to-day on a warrant obtained from Alderman Charles A. High by Thomas C. Seidel, Republican county chairman, charging him with criminal libel for circulating printed copies of the alleged "family tree" of Senator Harding, Republican nominee for President, which is said to have been prepared by an Ohio college professor.

Bausher was released in \$1,000 bail after he had declined a hearing before Alderman High, who is a Republican. Bausher, who has been prominent in Democratic politics in Berks county for years, issued a statement after his release, in which he said that Chairman Seidel could not legally bring suit for a resident of another State.

He characterized his arrest as an effort solely "to stem the tide against Harding," but refused to discuss the case any further.

### EXPOSE VICIOUS HARDING SLUR

National Committee Notified of Widespread Slander Against Ancestry.

### ORGANIZED PLOT SEEN

Circulars Sent Into Republican Districts Point to Plan of Malicious Propaganda.

The following telegrams have been received by the Republican National Committee from persons in various parts of the country regarding the scurrilous attacks that have been made on United States Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for President:

A message from the Middle West says: Lillian K. Fleckenstein, president of the Republican Women's Club of Bristol, Tenn., wires: "Democratic propaganda general in this section that Senator Harding's grandmother is a negro and his father a mulatto. Copies of the affidavit are being circulated broadcast in this section."

The following is from the Southwest: The Democrats have two women here and probably have others engaged in spreading the insidious story of the Senator's part negro. A chart is being mailed prominently to voters purporting to have been made by Prof. William E. Chancellor of Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio, stating that the grandfather and great-grandfather were black and the father is a mulatto. Will appreciate a detailed statement from you regarding this matter, which is being widely circulated. It may be inadvisable to go into print on this matter, but I really think each State chairman should have a message from you headlining the report as absolutely false and unfounded. Each State chairman in turn should communicate with each county chairman and the county chairmen pass the denial on to their district workers. This will enable them to deny the statement upon information received directly from you. Further letters and telegrams justify the report I made you yesterday upon result of election."

The editor of a journal in the middle West wired: "Flooded with circulars alleging that Warren G. Harding is of negro ancestry. Circulars contain alleged genealogy purporting to come from college at Wooster, Ohio. Circulars mailed at Columbus, apparently addressed only to Democrats. Story has reached rural sections and communications are beginning to come in asking for explanation."

Another message said: "Genealogy been circulated here purporting to show Harding descendant from negroes, both sides, three generations back, giving authority Chancellor of Wooster, Ohio. His father mulatto, mother white. Advice me facts." From another State came this: "Democratic propaganda received in this county yesterday in the report I made you Indianapolis to Democrats workers and now being circulated as follows: Genealogy of Warren G. Harding—George T. Harding great-grandfather, black; Anna Roberts, great-grandmother, black; Charles M. Harding, grandfather, black; Mary Crawford, grandmother, white; George T. Harding, father, mulatto; Phoebe Dickinson, mother, white. By Prof. William E. Chancellor, Wooster University, Ohio. Envelope containing circular bears no return address. Democrats on streets making inquiry of Republicans: 'Are you going to vote for Harding?'

The President of the United States have been men of notable ancestry, but a man in the White House has had a more distinguished line of forebears, with a finer record of service, citizenship and patriotism than Warren G. Harding. In the Republican candidate for President are mingled the strains of the Puritan of New England and the Cavalier of Virginia. In his veins flows the blood of English, German, Welsh, Scotch-Irish and Dutch. And this blood has been spent on battlefields where the state was justice and independence. His ancestors died in the battles fought by pioneers against the British and their Indian allies, and the scores of the Revolutionary War bear the names of many of his progenitors on both paternal and maternal sides.

The philosophy of the name Harding is interesting, and it is typical of the men and women who bear it. Harding means "bold, courageous, daring and stout hearted." The history of the Hardings (who came to America from England in 1635) is one of daring and courage. It is the story of the pioneers who traveled in small bands, rifle and axe in hand, their slender outfits on pack horses, penetrating the trackless wilderness to win homes for themselves and their progeny. They came by this indomitable spirit rightly, for their ancestors were pioneers in other lands. It was about 1660 that Welsh blood was mingled with the Harding strain. It is in the last four generations (con-

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Circulation of Malicious Story Brings Attack From Taft Paper.

### ENEMY HARD PRESSED

Even Names Mentioned in Allegations Proved to Be Incorrect.

### HARDINGS AN OLD FAMILY

Assault on Nominee's Ancestors Denounced as Act of Desperation.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CINCINNATI, Oct. 30.—The following appears in the Times-Star, owned by Charles P. Taft, actively supporting Harding. So far Senator Harding stands by his determination not to answer or to take any cognizance of the affair. He figures that if he once began to reply he would be kept at it throughout the four years of the Presidency.

"Fifty years ago personal scandal and whispered lies against the candidates played a considerable part in American politics. Until this year it seemed that we had been getting away from that sort of thing. The Presidential campaigns of the present century have been fought out chiefly in the open, with arguments about principles and the characters and intentions of candidates holding the centre of the stage. This year the Democrats have tried to turn the clock back fifty years. They have attempted to revive that spirit of underhanded partisanship which was quite usual in America in the days when blackguards attacked the ancestry of the mother of Abraham Lincoln and said that Lincoln himself was illegitimate."

Dare Not Speak Openly.

"Most of the energy of the underground section of the Democratic campaign has been devoted to the circulation of a lie about Harding's ancestry. No responsible Democrat has dared repeat it in the open, but many Democrats have passed it around, hand to hand. There are few voters in Hamilton county who have not run up against this sneaking propaganda in one form or another, and who have not had somebody whisper in their ears in strict confidence that there is really something in that story about Harding."

"The story is to the effect that Warren G. Harding's grandfather was Amos Harding and that he married Mary Ann Dixon, a negress. 'The story is false in every respect. It even has the wrong names for Harding's grandparents. The Senator's grandfather was not Amos, but Charles Alexander Harding, Charles Alexander Harding's wife, and the grandmother of Warren G. Harding on the paternal side, was Mary Ann Crawford. She was the daughter of Joshua Crawford of Baltimore and Sophie Stevens, whose family lived in Albemarle county, Va. The Crawfords were of Scotch-Irish descent, the family originating in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The first of the family came to America in the seventeenth century. The Crawfords appear all through the genealogies of Virginia and are related to most of the prominent families of Colonial days in that State."

Well Known Colonial Family.

"There was an Amos Harding among Warren G. Harding's ancestors. He was not the Senator's grandfather, however, but his great-grandfather. The name of his wife was not Mary Ann Dixon, but Phoebe Tripp, who belonged to a well known Colonial family of Pennsylvania, and was a cousin of Frances Slocum. 'The Lost Sister of Wyoming.' Amos Harding lived in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, from 1777 to 1800. He came to Richland county, Ohio, early in the nineteenth century, and died there in 1830."

"As a rule, Americans object to lies, and particularly to that type of lie which flourishes only in the dark. Unless the character of our people has changed, they will show on election day exactly what they think of the subterranean campaign the Democrats have waged during the last three weeks."

"A political campaign that cannot be run in the open, free press of America is not to the credit of any party or candidate."

"We give below Harding's family tree. It is an ancestry of which any American might well be proud."

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